

**APPLICATION OF KELLY CHRISTINE BRONIEC**  
(name)  
**TO THE APPELLATE JUDICIAL COMMISSION FOR THE  
JUDGE RICHTER VACANCY  
MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS, EASTERN DISTRICT**

***RESPONSES TO THESE QUESTIONS, INCLUDING ATTACHMENTS THERETO,  
WILL BE MADE PUBLIC IF THE APPLICANT IS NOMINATED FOR THIS VACANCY***

1. State your present principal occupation, place of work, and job title:

**Occupation: Judge**

**Place of Work: State of Missouri, 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit,  
Montgomery County Circuit Court**

**Job Title: Associate Circuit Judge**

2. Provide the following information concerning your eligibility for this position:

(a) Have you been a citizen of the United States for at least 15 years? **Yes**

(b) Have you been a qualified voter of the state for at least nine consecutive years immediately preceding your application? **Yes**

(c) Are you at least 30 years of age? **Yes**

(d) Are you a resident of the Eastern District? **Yes**

4. List each state, court, or agency in which you are licensed as an attorney, and, for each, the date you were admitted, your bar number, and whether your license is in good standing. If any license is not in good standing, explain.

**State of Missouri**

**Date Admitted: October, 1996**

**Bar Number: 45914**

**My license is in good standing.**

5. (a) State the name and address of all colleges and universities attended, *other than* law school, together with the dates and degrees received.

**William Woods College, One University Avenue, Fulton, MO 65251,  
August 1990-December 1992, Bachelor of Arts**

**Lindenwood College, 209 S. Kingshighway, St. Charles, MO 63301,  
August 1989-May 1990, Transferred to William Woods College**

**Missouri Baptist University, One College Park Drive, St. Louis, MO  
63141-8698, Summer 1992, Summer Course**

**University of Missouri-Columbia, 125 Jesse Hall, Columbia, MO  
65211, Summer 1992, Summer Course**

**(I took summer courses during college so that I could graduate a semester early).**

- (b) List/describe any college or university activities, scholastic achievements and other awards or honors you think are relevant to the commission's decision.

**I graduated from William Woods College *Summa Cum Laude*, with a major in Business Administration and a minor in Legal Studies. I received the Distinguished Scholar in Business Administration award for my studies in the Business Administration Department.**

**I also participated in the Madrigal Ensemble at Lindenwood College, and the William Woods/Westminster Women's Chorus.**

- (c) If, as a student, you were suspended, placed on probation, or expelled by school authorities for any reason, describe the circumstances.

**I was never suspended, placed on probation, or expelled by school authorities for any reason.**

6. (a) State the name and address of all law schools attended together with the dates and degrees received.

**University of Missouri-Columbia  
203 Hulston Hall  
Columbia, MO 65211  
August 1993-May 1996  
Juris Doctor**

(b) List/describe any law school activities, scholastic achievements and other awards or honors you think are relevant to the commission's decision.

**Women's Law Association  
Finalist in the Appellate Advocacy Competition as a 1L**

(c) If, as a student, you were suspended, placed on probation, or expelled by school authorities for any reason, describe the circumstances.

**I was never suspended, placed on probation, or expelled by school authorities for any reason.**

7. State, in chronological order (starting with the earliest employment), your *significant non-law-related employment*. To the extent reasonably available to you, include the name and address of each employer and the dates of employment; the position held; whether the employment was full-time, part-time, or seasonal; and the reason the employment ceased.

**I worked part-time while I was in high school and college. In high school, I worked at *Warren County Travel, Inc.* (later renamed *President Travel, Inc.*). This agency is no longer in business. I worked there from approximately 1986-1989. During the same time period, I also worked part-time at *The Skate Barn*. This roller-skating rink is also no longer in business. I left employment at the travel agency and skating rink when I went to college. During each year of college, I worked part time on campus for a stipend to my tuition. I also began working part time at *Casual Corner*, a retail women's clothing store at Mid-Rivers Mall, St. Peters, MO, from the spring of 1990 through the summer of 1990. This store also is no longer in business. I left employment at *Casual Corner* when I transferred colleges to *William Woods College*, which was not located in the same geographic area as the *Casual Corner* store in St. Peters.**

I decided to go to law school during my sophomore year of college at William Woods. I started working full time during my summer breaks at the *Warren County Prosecuting Attorney's Office (for Michael S. Wright)*. I performed many tasks, including clerical or paralegal tasks that needed to be done, and filled in for staff that was on vacation and maternity leave. I worked in that office over school breaks from 1991 through my graduation from law school in 1996.

During the summer of 1995 until the time I received my license, I was Rule 13 certified and made court appearances for the Warren County Prosecuting Attorney. I then became an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in that office after passage of the Missouri Bar.

I also completed an internship at *Blumenfeld, Kaplan, Marx, Ponfil and Kaskowitz P.C.*, a mid-size law firm in Clayton during my last semester of college (August 1992-December 1992). Their address was 168 N. Meramac Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63105. I worked for the firm administrator, Mr. Michael Mack, as a business management intern. I was called back to work for that law firm for the summer of 1993. Prior to my return in the summer of 1993, the name of the law firm changed to *Blumenfeld, Kaplan & Sandweiss, P.C.*

8. State, in chronological order (starting with the earliest employment), *all law-related employment*. To the extent reasonably available to you, include the name and address of each employer and the dates of employment; the position held (e.g., associate, partner, law clerk, general counsel); and the reason the employment ceased.

**Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Warren County**  
**Michael S. Wright, Warren County Prosecuting Attorney**  
**102 E. Main**  
**Warrenton, MO 63383**  
**October, 1996 – October 1998**

I left this employment as a part-time assistant prosecuting attorney for a full-time assistant prosecuting attorney position in Lincoln County.

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**Law Offices of Michael S. Wright**

**102 E. Main**

**Warrenton, MO 63383**

**October, 1996 – October 1998**

**I left this employment as a part-time private practice attorney for a full-time assistant prosecuting attorney position in Lincoln County.**

**Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Lincoln County,**

**G. John Richards, Lincoln County Prosecuting Attorney**

**Troy, MO 63379**

**October 1998 – October 1999**

**I was appointed by Governor Mel Carnahan to fill the unexpired term of the Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney who resigned.**

**Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney**

**211 E. Third Street**

**Montgomery City, MO 63361**

**October 1999 – August 2006**

**I resigned this position after I won the primary to become the Montgomery County Associate Circuit Judge. I was appointed by Governor Matt Blunt after the primary to fill the vacancy after The Honorable Roy L. Richter was appointed to the Court of Appeals, Eastern District of Missouri.**

**Associate Circuit Judge, Montgomery County**

**211 E. Third Street, Suite 301**

**Montgomery City, MO 63361**

**August 10, 2006 - Present**

9. Describe the nature of your experience in trial and appellate courts and explain how they demonstrate the quality of your legal work. *(You either may take as much space as you need here or attach your response on separate sheets. It is your responsibility to redact any confidential information.)* Include in your response:
- a) **Appellate Experience:** Please include a representative list of cases you have briefed and/or argued (if you are a judge, include representative cases from your practice prior to your judicial appointment) including, to the extent reasonably available to you, the style, date, and court and, if published, the citation; identify the client(s) you represented and opposing counsel; and give a one-paragraph description of the case and your role.

While serving as the Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney, I argued 2 cases in the Court of Appeals for the Eastern District of Missouri and assisted in one case in the Missouri Supreme Court.

ED87231, *Jason M. Devlin, Rel. v. Hon. Sutherland, Res.*, 196 S.W.3d 593 (Mo. App. 2006). This was a writ of prohibition. This was a highly publicized case where the circuit judge ordered a change of venue on his own motion. The defendant filed a writ. I argued the writ in the Court of Appeals and the Attorney General argued the writ in the Supreme Court. I represented the Respondent, Hon. Keith M. Sutherland. Mark Kempton and Patrick Eng represented the Relator, Jason Devlin.

*State v. Trower*, 46 S.W.3d 671 (Mo. App. E.D. 2001). This was an appeal of a conviction for driving while revoked and a seatbelt violation. I argued the case in the Court of Appeals. The conviction was affirmed. I represented the State. Daniel Deiter represented the defendant/appellant.

SC83339, *State of Missouri, Res. V. Entertainment Ventures, App.*, 44 S.W.3d 383 (Mo. App. 2001). This involved the appeal of a judgment finding a cabaret to be a public and common nuisance for violations of the liquor control law and because dancers at the business engaged in lewd acts. The circuit court ordered the business closed for one year. The case was transferred to the Missouri Supreme Court on constitutional grounds. The trial court's judgment was affirmed. I represented the State of Missouri. Opposing counsel were Charles Smarr, Mark Anderson and Dale Smith.

As a trial court judge, I have been privileged to serve on the Missouri Court of Appeals by special assignment of the Supreme Court on three different occasions, as referenced later in this application.

- b) **Trial-Level Experience:** Please include a representative list of cases and/or administrative hearings you have handled (if you are a judge, include representative cases from your practice prior to your judicial appointment) including, to the extent reasonably available to you, the style, date, and court; identify who you represented and opposing counsel; state whether the case was disposed of following a jury trial, bench trial or at what other stage; and give a one-paragraph description of the case and your role.

I became Rule 13 certified as a law student. I represented the State in court on a regular basis the year prior to my admission to the Bar. I regularly handled criminal dockets, including bench trials and preliminary hearings. I tried my first jury trial under Rule 13 in the spring of my 3L year of law school. I have been trying bench and jury trials on a regular basis ever since.

I ran a report from the Supreme Court's case management system and confirmed over 900 trials associated with my bar number as both an attorney and a judge. This report did not include all of the cases from early in my career because they preceded the case management system.

The following are representative cases that I tried to a jury as the Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney:

05A1-CR00256-01 – State v. Demetrius D. Clark: Defendant was charged with Domestic Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Endangering the Welfare of a Child, and Armed Criminal Action. This case was tried to a jury over two days, October 26-27, 2005. The Defendant was found guilty on counts 1 through 3, and not guilty on count 4. I represented the State of Missouri. Opposing counsel was Steven Weir. An appeal was filed but later dismissed by the Eastern District for failure to perfect the appeal (ED87386).

05A1-CR00538-01 – State v. Jay W. Abbott: Defendant was charged with Delivery or Possession of a Weapon at a County Jail and Damage to Jail Property. The case was tried to a jury on March 13, 2006. I represented the State of Missouri. The Defendant represented himself at the jury trial. The jury found the defendant guilty. He appealed the sentence to the Eastern District but the appeal was dismissed (ED94257).

03CR155066-01 – State v. Calvin L. Tipton: Defendant was charged with DWI as a prior offender and Operating a Motor Vehicle without a Valid License, as a third or subsequent offense. The jury trial was held on June 24, 2003. The defendant was found guilty. I represented the State of Missouri. Opposing counsel was Justin Carver of the Missouri State Public Defender's office. The case was affirmed on appeal at 136 S.W.3d 829 (MoApp. 2004).

**02CR155283-01 – State v. Rickey Joe Christian: The defendant was charged with Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, two counts of Resisting/Interfering with an Arrest, and two counts of Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. The jury trial was held on August 18, 2003. I represented the State of Missouri. The defendant represented himself at trial. The conviction was affirmed on appeal at 150 S.W.3d 123 (Mo. App. 2004).**

**02CR155371-01 – State v. Ricky A. Blake: The defendant was charged with Possession of Anhydrous Ammonia in a Non-approved Container, Trafficking in Drugs in the First Degree, and Possession of a Controlled Substance. The jury trial occurred on February 13, 2004. The defendant was found guilty after only 13 minutes of deliberation. I represented the State of Missouri. Opposing counsel was Justin Carver. The case was affirmed on appeal in ED84411 in a per curiam order 163 S.W.3d 471.**

**I have also tried a significant number of bench trials, including numerous felonies, misdemeanors, traffic cases, and Department of Revenue trials for driver's license suspension matters.**

- c) **Judicial Experience:** If you are a judge, commissioner, or are serving or have served in other judicial capacity, please describe the nature and extent of your judicial responsibilities, including the dates you have served as a judge at each level, the types of dockets you have handled and any special expertise you believe is relevant to your qualifications for the position for which you are applying.

**I was sworn in as an Associate Circuit Judge on August 10, 2006. Since then, I have handled a wide variety of cases. My regular dockets have included criminal (traffic, misdemeanors, felonies), civil (collections cases, landlord-tenant, small claims and petitions for review of DOR findings), probate (which includes decedent's estates, guardianships, conservatorships, 96-hour mental health commitments, and trust litigation).**

**I also have handled a number of circuit dockets on a regular basis by assignment of the presiding judge including: adult and child protection orders, juvenile in all 3 counties in my circuit, dissolutions and paternity cases. The juvenile dockets include all delinquency, abuse and neglect, termination of parental rights and adoptions. In addition to those dockets, I am regularly assigned as a special**

**judge in the other two counties in the 12<sup>th</sup> Circuit. I have also accepted transfers from the Supreme Court to other counties to hear specific cases or to generally cover dockets in those circuits.**

**During my service as the juvenile court judge, I helped create a family treatment court in Warren County, and we desire to expand that program to the other two counties in the circuit. I also implemented the 12<sup>th</sup> Circuit Fostering Court Improvement Committee. Fostering Court Improvement is multi-disciplinary team of court partners that meets on a monthly basis to discuss how we are handling cases and services for children in foster care. The goal is to improve procedures in order to more expediently provide services and obtain permanency for the children in care. This includes tracking our statistics through the Office of State Courts Administrator's Office and the Missouri Children's Division. For the past two years, the 12<sup>th</sup> Circuit has received an award for holding all child abuse and neglect hearings timely.**

**In 2020, I began presiding over a domestic violence supervision docket in Audrain County, for cases that are a conflict for the local judge. Our circuit plans to expand this docket to the other two counties in the circuit this year. The COVID-19 pandemic has delayed the expansion of this program. In addition, I have been working with my presiding judge and the local Community Mental Health Liaison to start a mental health pilot project in Montgomery County to assist with early identification of mental health needs for defendants my criminal docket. It is the desire of the judges in the circuit to expand this program to the other two counties as well.**

**I have also participated extensively in several statewide committees by appointment of the Missouri Supreme Court and served as President of the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. Additionally, I have undertaken a number of speaking engagements, both within the judiciary and to law enforcement and other community partners, as well as to civil organizations and schools. I have provided more details on my work in these areas in my answers to questions 10, 11 and 12.**

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The following are a representative sample of the jury trials I have presided over as a judge:

17AU-CC00014 Larry Bedford et al. v. Audrain County Motor Co.  
d/b/a Aufferberg Motor Company of Mexico  
07AU-CC00075-01 Gibbons Basement Systems Inc. v. Daniel A.  
Gode et al.  
07A1-PR00026 – In re Kenneth G. Garris Jr., Respondent  
06BB-CR00807-02 State v. David Sanning  
12BB-CR00463-03 State v. Jason Stufflebean  
07BB-CR00107-02 State v. Michael Moore  
10BB-CR00019-02 State v. Tara L. Latham (Hewkin)  
11AU-CR00403-02 State v. Amanda Schrock  
11AU-CR00405-02 State v. Douglas Boehne  
11AU-CR00404-02 State v. Nancy E. Schrock  
09AA-CR00475-01 State v. Maria Dutcher  
10AA-CR00569-01 State v. Martin Ahrens  
060293382-01 State v. Wyatt James Phillips  
09AA-CR00618-01 State v. Darren J. Hebblethwaite  
14BB-CR00618-02 State v. Ronald J. Wright  
10AU-CR00026-01 State v. Donald Ward Robinson  
06U1-CR01073-01 State v. Dustin M. Thomas  
12AU-CR00383-01 State v. Latoya M. Belcher  
12AU-CR00592-01 State v. William Allen Duckworth  
11BB-CR00662-01 State v. Michael Emory  
09BB-CR01011-01 State v. Rocky Lee Stevens

All of these cases that were appealed have been affirmed.

As a judge, some of the significant bench trials I have presided over include:

17AU-CC00014 Larry A. Bedford et al. v. Audrain County Motor Company d/b/a Aufferberg Motor Company of Mexico. This case started as a jury trial, but became a bench trial after bailiffs erroneously released all members of the jury panel. The parties then agreed to try the case to the court. It involved a dispute over ownership of lighting on a lot leased to the defendant by the plaintiff. Robert Krueger represented the plaintiff and Steven Kuenzel represented the defendant.

**16AA-DR00052 H.N. B/N/F Casey Kemry v. Alexandra Nordwald et al.** This was a high conflict paternity case. Leland Elliott represented the petitioner. Cherlyn Crosby Herberts represented the respondent Alexandra Nordwald. Michael Shea represented the respondent Jeffrey Nordwald. Melissa Buckman Young was the guardian ad litem representing the minor child. The appeal was dismissed by the Eastern District in ED107803.

**07U1-PR00060 Rosalie J. Cima, et al. v. Betty Virginia Rhoades et al.** This case involved a trust contest with allegations of undue influence and lack of capacity of the settlor. Michael Whitworth represented the petitioners and Lou Leonatti represented the respondents. Sue Crane was the Guardian ad Litem representing the settlor. The judgment was affirmed by the Eastern District at 416 S.W.3d 320.

**06AU-JU00051 In the Interest of C.R.P.** This case was a 3-day termination of parental rights case. The judgment was entered on July 9, 2007, terminating the parental rights of both parents. Darren Korte represented the petitioner, the Missouri Children's Division. Michael Blum represented the natural mother. Benjamin Nelson represented the natural father. Randall Baker was the Guardian ad Litem representing the children. The judgment was affirmed by the Eastern District at 255 S.W.3d 529 (Mo. App. 2008).

**03PR155011 In the Estate of Wilbur Jack Posey.** This case involved a petition by the ward, Mr. Posey, to compel visitation and communication privileges and/or for the removal of the guardian. The trial occurred on May 14, 2008. The judgment denying the motion included an extensive opinion on the authority of the court and the guardian in guardianship cases. The judgment was affirmed by the Eastern District. Their opinion quoted extensively from my judgment and has been a leading case in the area of visitation with regards to persons who are the subject of a guardianship. 299 S.W.3d 6 (Mo. App. 2010). Matthew Rossiter represented the ward/movant. Dennis Schaefer represented the guardian/respondent.

**17AU-JU00029 In the Interest of K.C.A. (ED106062 and ED106063).** This case involved a petition for termination of parental rights in Audrain County. The judgment was entered terminating the parental rights of the natural mother and father. Lori Hickerson

represented the petitioner, the Missouri Children's Division. Thomas Ellis represented the natural mother. Raymond Legg represented the natural father. Melissa Buckman Young was the Guardian ad Litem representing the child.

09AU-JU00077 In the Interest of E. L. H., and 09AU-JU00078 In the Interest of J. C. H. These were two very high-profile cases in Audrain County involving the certification of juveniles to stand trial as adults for murder, kidnapping, felonious restraint and armed criminal action. These cases were open to the public due to the nature of the charges. Separate hearings were held. The juvenile office was represented by James Clampitt. E. L. H. was represented by Benjamin Gray. J. C. H. was represented by Kathryn Benson and George Batek. The certification hearing for E. L. H. was held on February 8, 2011. The certification hearing for J. C. H. was held on August 10, 2010. Both juveniles were certified to stand trial as adults.

Thirty-seven cases that I have presided over at trial have been appealed. Thirty of those thirty-seven cases have been affirmed or the appeal dismissed. Three of those thirty-seven appeals are still pending. An additional three cases involved a petition for termination of parental rights where appellate counsel for the Children's Division consented to a remand due to information the Division had that was not disclosed to the Court by trial counsel regarding mother's service and request for appointment of counsel.

10. Describe any additional legal experience you believe may be relevant to the decision of the commission (e.g., work as a law professor, in government, as corporate or other legal counsel).

**I have served on the following statewide committees at the appointment of the Missouri Supreme Court:**

**Trial Judge Education Committee, January 2011-Present**

**Civic Education Committee, July 2015-2020**

**Civic Education Subcommittees, May 2012-2015**

**Coordinating Commission for Judicial Education,  
July 2017-Present**

**Combatting Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence Commission,  
Chair of the Domestic Violence Subcommittee,  
April 2017 - Present**

**Task Force on Criminal Justice, July 2017 – Present**  
**Commission on Civil Justice Reform, November 2017 - Present**  
**Chair of the Associate Division Procedures Subcommittee,**  
**June 2018-Present**  
**Committee on Access to Family Courts, January 2011-December**  
**2016**

**Member of the Case Management Oversight Team (CMOT), which is a subcommittee of the Missouri Court Automation Committee, Beginning July, 2020. I was recently appointed to this subcommittee to assist with the development of the Show-Me Courts case management system for civil cases, specifically to bring the recommendations of the Commission on Civil Justice Reform to fruition in the new case management system that is being designed to replace the current case management system, JIS.**

**I was elected to the Executive Counsel of the Missouri Judicial Conference, as the Associate Judge member for the Eastern District, 2018-2020.**

**I sat as a special judge with the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Eastern District on April 11, 2011 and again on November 5, 2018.**

**I sat as a special judge with the Missouri Court of Appeals for the Western District on April 3, 2019. The Division held a special docket at my alma mater, William Woods University.**

**In 2011, I was chosen to serve on a 3-judge Dismissal Review Committee, to review personnel matters in the 10<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Circuits. I was appointed to Chair the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Committee.**

11. List all bar associations and other professional societies of which you are a member, with any offices held and dates.

**Missouri Bar Association, 1996-Present**

**Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges**

**Board of Directors, 2012-2018**

**Membership Chair, 2013-2015**

**Vice President, 2015-2016**

**President, 2016-2017**

**Past President, 2017-2018**

**Missouri Juvenile Justice Association, 2006-Present**

**Missouri Association of Treatment Court Professionals**

12. Describe your efforts (e.g., work on bar committees, pro bono efforts, CLEs presented, etc.) to contribute to the improvement of the law, the legal system and the administration of justice.

**Planning Committee for Criminal Justice Leadership Summit held**

**February 26-27, 2020**

**Moderated a session at the Criminal Justice Leadership Summit,**

**“Improving the Court and Community’s Response to Mental Health and Co-Occurring Disorders-Strategies for Missouri,” February 27,**

**2020. Panel members included Laura Heitmann (CMHL, Arthur Center), Det. Jason Klaus (Missouri State CIT Coordinator), Dr.**

**Jeannette Simmons (Director of Forensic Services, Missouri Department of Mental Health).**

**Planning Committee for Regional Convenings to be held in 2020,**

**subsequent to the Criminal Justice Leadership Summit. The purpose**

**of the regional convenings will be to address mental health and**

**pretrial justice reform at the circuit level through the Leading**

**Change initiative of the National Center for State Courts**

**Member of the Subcommittee of Trial Judge Education Committee that**

**planned the Advanced Trial Skills Conference “Responding to the Opioid Crisis,” May 5-6, 2020**

**Co-Presented “Developing and Integrated Approach/Use of SIM**

**(Sequential Intercept Model)” at the Advanced Trial Skills**

**Conference sponsored by the Trial Judge Education Committee,**

**March 6, 2020**

**Co-Presented POWER Act Training with the Missouri Coalition Against**

**Domestic and Sexual Violence at the U.S. District Courts for the**

**Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri, August 22 and 29, 2019**

**Currently planning to co-present domestic violence training required by the POWER Act with the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence for the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri, August 2020**

**Panelist for Missouri Division of Legal Services in-house training for Division attorneys, June 11, 2019**

**Domestic Violence Summit Planning Committee, 2014-2015**

**Presented 2 sessions at Domestic Violence Summit (for Missouri judges), May 13, 2015**

**Chair of the 12<sup>th</sup> Circuit Fostering Court Improvement Committee (FCI is a multidisciplinary team focused on improving services for children and families with children in foster care), January 2013-Present**

**Planned a 1-day training on Domestic Violence to the 12<sup>th</sup> Circuit Fostering Court Improvement Committee, including community partners in the circuit who work with children in foster care, May 15, 2015.**

**Presented 2 sessions at the training, Protection Orders and “Jared”**

**Planned a 2-day training on Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking for the 12<sup>th</sup> Circuit Fostering Court Improvement Committee, including community partners in the circuit who work with children in foster care, September 11-12, 2018.**

**Presented 2 sessions at the training, Protection Orders and “Jared”**

**Presented 2 sessions at 2010 Missouri Judicial Trial College, August and October, 2010:**

**Open Hearings and Records in Juvenile Cases & Panel Discussion on Bonds in Criminal Cases**

**Presented at 2013 Annual Meeting of Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges: Panel Discussion on Special Guardianship Issues-Duties and Responsibilities of Guardian, April, 2013**

**Co-Presented on Unlawful Detainers at Missouri Bar Annual Real Estate Institute, Columbia, Missouri, June 2013**

**Presented a 3-hour session on Search and Seizure Law at the Basic Narcotics Academy, Missouri State Highway Patrol, September 2014, and August 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018**

**Co-Presented “Engaging the Bench in Systems Response” at the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services Annual Family and Sexual Violence Conference, May 2016**

**Co-Presented on a special domestic violence topic “Comings and Goings” at Missouri Judicial Trial Colleges, August and October, 2016**

**Co-Presented on Domestic Violence at the Missouri Court Clerk College, May 2016 and 2017**

**Presented on Contempt at New Judge Orientation, January 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019**

**Co-Presented “Panel Discussion Concerning Complex Litigation in TPR and Adoption Cases” at Advanced Trial Skills: Advanced Juvenile Court Practices and Procedures Including New Juvenile Court Operating Standards, March 9, 2018**

**Presented “Mental Health Law” to the East Central CIT (A Crisis Intervention Team consists of law enforcement and other first responders who are specially trained to deal with persons experiencing a mental health crisis), September 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019**

**Founding Board Member of The Child Center, Inc., Wentzville, MO 2000-2006 (The Child Center is a child advocacy center where child victims of abuse are brought to a child friendly environment for a forensic interview and services. At the time, it served 5 counties. It has now expanded to cover virtually all of the Northeast part of Missouri).**

13. List your community activities, including any organizations not listed elsewhere with which you are affiliated.

**Montgomery City Kiwanis Club**

**Member 1999-Present**

**Board Member for several years**

**Vice President 2002-2003**

**President 2003-2004**

**Montgomery County Rotary Club 1999-2018**

**Montgomery City Chamber of Commerce 1999-present**

**General Federation of Women’s Club (GFWC)/Montgomery Study Club 2006 – 2019**

**Grace Lutheran Church, Wellsville, MO**

**Church Council - present**

**Choir 2000-present**

14. Describe your activities (e.g., speeches, presentations, educational activities, etc.) undertaken to further public understanding of and respect for courts and the judicial system and to promote access to justice for all.

**Since becoming a judge, I have had an interest in educating the public about our court system, and in particular the Missouri Plan. I have served as a member of the Supreme Court’s Civic Education Committee.**

**I have given a number of civic education presentations to the Montgomery City Kiwanis Club, Montgomery County Rotary Club,**

**the GFWC, and at local schools such as the Montgomery City Elementary School, Montgomery County Middle School, and West Middle School in Columbia. Most recently, I gave two programs to the Kiwanis club, one describing juvenile courts, and the other the changes in the Missouri Supreme Court Rules on pretrial detention. One of the presentations I gave about the Missouri Plan to the Montgomery County Rotary Club was recorded by the Office of State Courts Administrator and published on the Supreme Court's Civic Education website.**

**In May 2019, I was the keynote speaker at Boots-n-Bling, an annual dinner and auction for Turning Point, a victim service provider located in Warrenton, which also serves Montgomery County.**

**I have hosted classes from the local schools at the courthouse. Some classes have come to observe a court docket, others have come in when court was not in session and observed a mock trial presented by the prosecutor's office and myself.**

**I also participated in a mock trial that was part of a CSI project at the Montgomery County R-II Middle School. This occurred at least 4 different years. Students were assigned "jobs" as law enforcement officers, attorneys, witnesses, reporters, etc. and were trained as to how to do their "jobs" processing a crime scene, filing criminal charges and presenting the case in court. They then came to the courtroom where we held a mock trial.**

**Last Fall, the Montgomery County R-II High School began a criminal justice class. This class came to my courtroom for a mock trial on December 13, 2019.**

**I also helped judge the final rounds of The Constitution Project at the Supreme Court, November 2016. This project is a statewide competition among high schools similar to the CSI project described above. This was a project of the Civic Education Committee.**

**I have also been the guest speaker for the graduation ceremonies at the Division of Youth Services twice, and at the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony at Montgomery County High School.**

15. List any professional articles or books authored by you that have been published.

**I have served on committees that edited and published the Traffic Court Bench Guide (2010 and 2013 editions), and the Missouri Trial Judges Bench Book-Criminal.**

16. List any special recognition or award of a professional nature you have received.

**Women's Justice Award for Public Service, May 2018  
Award for meeting all time standards in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases 2018 and 2019  
Certified Court Manager Certificate, National Center for State Courts and the Missouri Court Management Institute, December 2016.**

17. Do you now hold or have you ever held an elective or an appointive public office or position? If yes, provide details.

**I served as the Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney from 1999 – 2006.**

**I have also served as the Associate Circuit Judge in Montgomery County from 2006 – Present.**

18. Provide the branches and dates of (a) military service or (b) other public service not otherwise disclosed in this application. If discharged from the military, state whether the discharge was other than honorable.

**I have not served in the military.**

19. State whether you are able, with or without a reasonable accommodation, to perform the essential functions of being an appellate judge, including participating in oral argument; performing legal research; communicating clearly and effectively, both orally and in writing; supervising the lower courts, serving on court committees and performing other administrative functions; and expeditiously deciding issues coming before the court.

**I am able, without a reasonable accommodation, to perform the essential functions of being an appellate judge, including, but not limited to, the duties listed in question 19.**

20. Were you ever refused admission to a bar of any state or federal court? If yes, provide details.

**I was never refused admission to a bar of any state or federal court.**

21. Have you ever been disciplined, admonished or cited for a breach of ethics or professional conduct by any court or bar association or committee thereof? If yes, provide details.

**I have never been disciplined, admonished or cited for a breach of ethics or professional conduct by any court or bar association or committee thereof.**

22. If you are or were a member of the judiciary of the State of Missouri, please state:

(a) Whether an order of discipline ever has been entered against you by the Supreme Court of Missouri for breach of the Code of Judicial Conduct or the Canons of Judicial Conduct. If yes, provide details.

**An order of discipline has never been entered against me by the Supreme Court of Missouri for any reason.**

(b) Whether a reprimand or admonition ever has been entered against you by the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline for any of the causes specified in Supreme Court Rule 12.07. If yes, provide details.

**The Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline has never entered a reprimand or admonition against me for any reason.**

23. Have you have ever been held in contempt of court? If yes, provide details.

**I have never been held in contempt of court.**

24. Have you ever been sued by a client or been a party to any other litigation, other than as guardian ad litem, plaintiff ad litem, or defendant ad litem? **Yes.**

If yes, state the style of the case, where it was filed, and explain in detail. If you are a judge and you have been sued in your judicial capacity, list only those cases where you are or were other than a nominal party.

**[Answer begins on next page]**

I was involved in a car accident in which I was injured. I was forced to file a civil lawsuit to collect for my injuries. The accident occurred in the summer of 1996. It was sometime after that when I filed the lawsuit in Boone County. It was resolved through a settlement. I do not recall the name of the defendant and am unable to locate the case on Case.net.

In re Katie Renee Broniec, a Minor, 13AA-PR00009, and In re Hannah G. Broniec, a Minor, 13AA-PR00010. Both cases were filed in Montgomery County. My grandmother passed away and left some bonds with a POD designation to my daughters, Katie and Hannah. The bank would not release the funds to me without a court order.

Abbott v. Oller, et al., in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, Northern Division, Case No. 2:10-CV-00032 JCH, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 59217, 2012 WL 1465091. This was a federal lawsuit filed by a defendant that I had prosecuted when I was the Montgomery County Prosecuting Attorney. I was one of the many named defendants. The Plaintiff represented himself. I was represented by Bradley Sylwester from Paule, Camazine & Blumenthal, P.C. Summary judgment was granted in my favor. The Court of Appeals issued a per curiam opinion affirming at 2013 U.S. App. LEXIS 2388 (8<sup>th</sup> Cir. Mo., Feb. 4, 2013).

Kelly Nelson v. Terry Nelson, Montgomery County, 12CV397-171. I was divorced in 1998. The matter was amicably resolved between the parties without trial.

25. Have you ever pleaded guilty to, been convicted of or received a suspended imposition of sentence for a felony or misdemeanor in any state, federal or military court? *(Note this question does not require minor traffic offenses or other infractions to be listed.)*

If yes, state the style of the case, where it was filed, and explain in detail.

**I have never pleaded guilty to, been convicted of or received a suspended imposition of sentence for a felony or misdemeanor in any state, federal or military court.**

26. Have you ever been delinquent in the payment of any federal, state, county or city taxes? If yes, provide details.

**I have never been delinquent in the payment of any federal, state, county or city taxes.**

27. You must attach to this application at least one, but not more than three, writing samples that comply with the requirements set out in the instructions for applicants.

**Judgments from the following cases are attached:**

**In the Interest of K.C.A., 17AU-JU00029**

**In the Estate of Wilbur Jack Posey, 03PR155011**

**H.N. B/N/F Casey Kemry v. Alexandra Nordwald et al.,  
16AA-DR00052**

28. List/describe any additional honors or awards you have received, activities you have performed, or any other information not set out above demonstrating the quality of your work as an attorney or otherwise relevant to the commission's decision.

**All of the honors and awards I have received, and activities I have performed, are described above.**

Please list the names of *five* persons whom you will ask to provide letters of reference for you with respect to your judicial qualifications. Do **not** list as a reference a judge of the court involved. As to each of the five references, **please provide name, title, mailing address, telephone and e-mail address.**

*The commission will not accept or consider letters from any additional persons beyond the five references listed in this application.*

*Please note it is your responsibility to contact your references, although if you intend to use as a reference a federal judge or other individual who only can provide a reference upon a specific request by the interviewing authority, please advise the commission and it will send that reference such a request.*

**[All references are listed on the next page.]**

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The commission must receive all reference letters **by e-mail** no later than **5 p.m. Friday, July 17, 2020**.

Provide your references with the attached Guidelines for References. The commission must receive your letters of reference, **via e-mail**, to [EDJudgeVacancy@courts.mo.gov](mailto:EDJudgeVacancy@courts.mo.gov), by the date indicated in the Instructions to Applicants.